Upgradation of technology for V.P.T.

2021. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICA TIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to provide rural phone services on a priority basis by upgradation of technology; and

(b) the security deposit required for a village public telephone?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Following new technologies have been identified and procurement process has been initiated:

(i) Wireless in Local Loop (WLL);

(ii) CDOTTDMAPMP&

(iii) Satellite from remote and isolated areas.

(b) For VPTS with STD facility only a Security Deposit of Rs. 250/- is prescribed.

Opening of telegraph office at Janglain in Simla

2022. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to establish a Telegraph Office at Janglain in the Simla District of Himachal Pradesh for the welfare of people of Ransar Valley during 2000-2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (c) No Sir. The daily telegraph traffic at Janglain is only one or two messages. This does not justify a telegraph office. Accordingly there is no proposal to establish a Telegraph Office at Janglain. However, a proposal to provide telegraph facility on Phonocom is being examined.

Computerisation of big post offices

2023. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to computerise the big post offices and also provide internet/E-mail facility;